

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 13 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming unit having an image bearing member and which is
capable of being detachably attached to a main body of said image forming apparatus;
an intermediate transfer member disposed at an upper position relative to
said image forming unit, and to which the image on said image bearing member is
transferred;

recording material conveying means for conveying a recording material
along a conveyance route;

~~transfer means a transfer member in contact with said intermediate transfer
member for transferring the image on said intermediate transfer member onto the recording
material conveyed by said recording material conveying means;~~

~~a fixing unit having a fixing member for fixing a toner image on the
recording material and a pressing member for contacting with and pressing the recording
material pressing said fixing member;~~

a first openable portion which is disposed on a side surface of the main body and is openable to expose the conveyance route, said first openable portion holding said transfer member; and

a second openable portion which is disposed on an upper face of the main body, ~~is capable of being opened in case a of inserting said image forming unit into the main body in a state that said first openable portion is closed and of being opened separately from said fixing unit, and holds said intermediate transfer member, and is capable of being opened, separately from said fixing unit, for enabling insertion of said image forming unit into the main body in a state that said first openable portion is closed.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first openable portion is openable around a first rotary shaft as a center, wherein said second openable portion is openable around a second rotary shaft as a center, and wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed as to extend substantially parallel to a recording material conveyance surface and substantially perpendicular to a conveyance direction of the recording material.

3. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed at positions such that said first openable portion and said second openable portion are moved away from each other when opened.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate transfer member and said second openable portion are structured in a united body.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image forming unit is detachable in a vertical direction toward an installation side of said image forming apparatus.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording material conveying means comprises at least a pair of roller members, wherein one roller member is held by the main body, and wherein the other roller member is held by said first openable portion.

Claims 9-11 (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fixing unit remains within the main body in a case that said second openable portion is opened with said first openable portion being closed.

13. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fixing unit is disposed above said transfer means member and at a position not to interfere with said second openable portion in case of opening and closing of said second openable portion.

14. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fixing unit moves together with said first openable portion in case of opening said first openable portion.